

REMARKS**Claim Disposition**

Claims 1 – 33 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 7, 19 and 20 stand rejected. Claims 2, 4-6, 8-18, 29, and 32-34 have been objected to. Claims 21-28, 30, and 31 have been allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21-28, 30, and 31 are allowed.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowance of Claims 21 – 28, 30, and 31.

Claim Objections

Claim 29 is objected to because it is an improper dependent claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's observations and has amended the dependency of Claim 29 accordingly.

Claims 2, 4-6, 8-18 and 32-34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's observations and has amended the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 2. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The dependency of Claims 2, and 18 has been modified to be consistent with the above amendments.

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Claim Rejections -35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 3, 7, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Flavell, U.S. Patent No. 3,938,890, hereinafter referred to as Flavell. Applicant respectfully contends that the amendments submitted herewith render the rejection moot. Applicant accordingly, respectfully requests allowance of claims 1 – 33.

The amendments presented herein are made for the purposes of better defining the invention, rather than to overcome the rejections for patentability. The claims have not been amended to overcome the prior art and therefore, no presumption should attach that either the claims have been narrowed over those earlier presented, or that subject matter or equivalents thereof to which the Applicant is entitled has been surrendered. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above remarks. Moreover, no amendments as presented alter the scope of the claimed invention and therefore cannot necessitate a new grounds rejection.

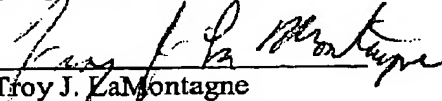
It is believed that the foregoing remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action and that the claims herein should be allowable to the Applicant. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the instantly submitted response, the undersigned respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

If there are additional charges with respect to this matter or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully Submitted,

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